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MHS FISINT Successfully Collects Israeli F-16 Heads-Up Display (S//SI//REL)

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(S//SI//TK//REL) During the recent unrest in the Gaza Strip in January, Menwith Hill Station FISINT operators collected video for the first time from the cockpit of an Israeli Air Force F-16 fighter jet. The day before, MHS FISINT operators collected video from an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV). The UAV appeared to still be on the ground, which prompted the site to go back to the area again the next day. As a result, MHS collected the F-16 heads-up display that showed a target on the ground being tracked. MHS worked closely with a GCHQ site in Cyprus for tip-offs.

(S//SI//REL) Reacting to the unrest in the Gaza Strip, MHS conducted ad hoc range surveillance. On 3 January, the site collected the aircraft video from an Israeli F-16 fighter. The 14-second long video showed an “unbroken line” running through the targeting display, indicating that the target being tracked was on the ground.¹



(S//SI//REL) Heads-up display from an Israeli F-16 fighter over the Gaza Strip. The target being tracked is located inside the circle.

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¹ (U//FOUO) Open-source reporting indicated that the Israeli Air Force was involved in at least five airstrikes over the Gaza Strip killing two militants.

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